



# HEADQUARTERS & SUPPORT BATTALION

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

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### Upcoming Events

25 Mar: NCO Mess Night

27 Mar: SOI-E Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 15: Spouse Education and Info Forum

May 1: Dining Out

May 22: Jane Wayne Day/Family Day

### COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE



Dear Marines, Family members and Friends,

I believe and hope that winter has finally broken. I'm looking forward to seeing some leaves on the trees and green grass on my lawn!! I hope this letter finds all the families, Marines and civilian Marines doing well and gearing up for Spring cleaning. ☺ There are some great events planned as you can see highlighted above.

The NCO Mess Night is scheduled for the evening of March 25<sup>th</sup>. I appreciate all of the spouses giving your Marine the evening to spend with his fellow Marines for a time honored event designed to build camaraderie and esprit-de-Corps. I'm sure the NCOs will do this event up right. Also in March, Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have the SOI-East Easter Egg hunt at Camp Geiger. The Easter bunny will be on deck so bring the family!!

April has a very important event that can assist families across many aspects of military family life. It is simply a **Spouse Education and Information Forum**. There will be various support agencies on hand available to talk about resources available for military families. From marriage retreats to Children and Youth Programs; Health promotion to relocation assistance and everything in between. Of significant importance to many families, there will be a education presentation that will provide information on a wide variety of programs and support available to parents and their school age children. This event is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-9:00pm. Don't miss out!!

Finally, on May 1<sup>st</sup> we will be having a battalion Dining Out. This is an event designed for Marines and their spouses or significant others to get dressed up in suits and cocktail dresses and enjoy one another's company in a less formal setting than the birthday ball. This is scheduled for Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> in Wilmington aboard the riverboat Henrietta III from 6:30pm – 9:30pm. We have transportation and child care provided, so come on out and enjoy a great venue. Tickets are on sale for \$40pp and includes a seafood buffet, 2 hour open bar, dancing and a great cruise along the river. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, SOI will host a "Jane Wayne" Day and family day event. If spouses want to get a hands-on feel for what Marines do, this is the event for you. Plenty of fun and Kodak moments to enjoy at this event!! I don't know who will have more fun the spouse going through the Marine events or the Marine watching his spouse "enjoy" the events. You definitely don't want to miss this one!!

I want to welcome aboard 1stSgt Wayne Allen and his wife Nicole assigned to H&S Co, as well as 1stSgt Devon Holson and his wife Marcella assigned to Student Admin Company. Also, 1stLt Kevin Schuler and his wife Laura have joined Student Admin Company. Sharon and I look forward to seeing all of you around the School and at the various events. We appreciate all you do for your Marine and the support you provide them and our unit. See you soon!!

Michael A. Brown  
Commanding Officer



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### **“Marines to be recognized”**

SSgt Rebecca Roberts 4th Plt, SA Co, Feb 2010 was awarded the Battalion Commander's Coin for her individual impact to her unit.

#### The following Marines were promoted:

February 1, 2010:

SSgt Bryan Milewski  
SSgt Brandy Hall  
Sgt Anthony Bradfield  
Sgt Karen Hamiel  
Sgt Jerome Lashley  
Sgt Jason Morgan  
Cpl Lammichael Nguyen  
Cpl Craig Davies

March 1, 2010:

SSgt Nicole Allen  
Sgt Kenneth Billeter  
Sgt Michael Oliva  
LCpl Davion Best  
LCpl Adam Hipp  
LCpl Andrew Howard  
LCpl Zacharie Jones  
LCpl Jeremy Jurek  
LCpl Joshua Watts  
PFC Manuel Escobargomez

#### Congratulations to parents of new joins!!

Capt Ashlyn and Seamus King on the birth of their daughter Genevieve, 8lbs 3oz.

SSgt Raksmei and Ivy Siphon on the birth of their son Isaiah, 7lbs 6oz.

Sgt Michael and Amanda Smith on the birth of their son Ayden, 7lbs 12oz.